

Saint Mark Orthodox Church

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EPISTLE

Gal. 2:16 – 20
2 Cor. 6:1 – 10

GOSPEL

Matt. 8:34 – 9:1
Matt. 25:14 – 30

Tone 7

DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Sunday After the Elevation of the Cross. Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Cross. Greatmartyr Euphemia the All-praised (304). Repose of St. Kiprian (Cyprian), Metropolitan of Moscow and All Russia (1406). St. Sebastiana, disciple of St. Paul the Apostle, martyred at Heraclea (1st c.). Martyr Melitina of Marcianopolis (2nd c.). Martyrs Victor and Sosthenes at Chalcedon (ca. 304). Ven. Dorotheus, Hermit, of Egypt (4th c.). Martyrs Ludmila, grandmother of St. Wenceslaus (Viachesláv), Prince of the Czechs (927). New Martyrs Isaac and Joseph of Georgia (808).

Sunday	Sept	16	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	First Day of Church School
			12:30p	Blini Workshop
Tuesday	Sept	18	10:30a	Bl. Mka. Olga Prayer Group – Akathist
Wednesday	Sept	19	9:00a	Piroshki Workshop
Saturday	Sept	22	5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Great Vespers
			6:30p	Bible Study
Sunday	Sept	23	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
			11:30a	Church School
Thursday	Sept	27		Black Bread Baking

The **Altar Candles** are offered by **Kyra Smerkanich** in thanksgiving on the occasion of first wedding anniversary. May God Grant Them Many Years!

The Sanctuary Candles are offered by **Joan Mitchum** on the occasion of granddaughter **Lauren King's** birthday! May God Grant Her Many Years!

Coffee Hour Fellowship

Date	Hosts/Hostesses		Donuts/Bagels
Sept 16	T & G Jacobsen	A. Jacobsen	Phelps
Sept 23	Petro-Jenkins	K. Petro	Thompson

Choir Directors, Readers, Preparers, Greeters, & Altar Servers

Date	Director	Reader	Preparer	Greeter	Altar Servers
Sept 16	J. Sokich	S. Sielinski	D. Golembiewski	Mka. G. Phelps & N. Stanton	A. Ahmadi A. Datch C. Datch E. Pederson N. Pederson J. Sedor M. Sedor
Sept 23	C. Berencz	M. Baxtresser	Mka. G. Phelps	N. Kumar & J. Mitchum	

Classes

Bible Study

Saturday, September 22 nd	Following Vespers
Saturday, September 29 th	Following Vespers

TO OUR VISITORS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN: If you are seeking a quiet place to nurse or calm a rambunctious child, there are two rooms off of the main hallway on this floor to serve you. Our library is the second door on the left as well as our teen classroom, the last door on the left, at the end of the hallway. The library has rocking chairs, and both rooms offer comfortable couches and moderate privacy. Changing tables are located in the Ladies room on the upper level and in the Men's room on the lower level.

PRAYER REQUEST – O Christ, You alone are our Defender: Visit and help Thy servants who are in need of your help, protection and healing. Among them: Christina Berencz, Migs & Helen Damiani; Shirley & Paul Dean; Margaret & Bill Dove; Julia Flick; Marge German; Jurretta Heckscher; Marcella Hydock, Philip Hydock; Evelyn Leleck; Larisa Looby; Marina McKee; Catherine Mikuluk; David Rodak; Alexandra Sedor; Peter Sielinski; Beth Tucker.

Please pray for **Margaret**, Mary Carol Ashley's mother; Ellen Barber's friends **Bruce and Pamela**; The child **Penelope** ; Christine Cacic's friend, **Carmen**; Barbara Freimann's niece **Samantha, Tristan, Betty**, and the **Hanway Family**. Julia Flick's son, **James** Shimer, and her stepdaughter, **Jeanie** Folton; Karina Fortuny's god-daughter infant **Maria**, Maria's parents **Tzvetelina** and **Lyubomir**, and brother **Ioan**; Marge German's grandson **Joshua** and friend **Louise**, who is recovering from triple by-pass surgery; **Jeff** Jordan, friend of the Hardy family; Jurretta Heckscher's father, **Stevens**; **Will & Janie** McNamara, friends of Christina Kalavritinos; **Carole** Roberts, mother of Tammy Karas; **Olga**, friend of Helen Kerch; Mat. Jan and Fr. Mark Koczak's friend, **Metropolitan Isaiah** (Georgian Patriarchate); **Mary** Everhart, mother of Ted Koopersmith; Larisa Looby's daughter **Lisa** and granddaughters **Chelsea** and **Alexandra**. Marilyn Macht's cousins **Helen** and **Linda**. **Bridget**, friend of Skip & Barbara Mersereau's. Anelia Rotunda's father, **Ivan**; Friend of Debbie Sieff, **Fr. Taras** Chubenko, of St. Demetrius Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral in Carteret, NJ, who is recovering from esophageal surgery; Sharon Sielinski's friend **Marilyn**. Olga & Slavina Skenderska's cousins, **Desi & Stanislav**, and friends **Catherine & Justin**; **Fr. Basil Summer**. Wayne Tatusko's granddaughter, **Jubilee**. Ellen Thompson's daughter, **Sonya**; Don Truitt's parents and Aunt **Lucy**; friends of St. Mark, **Tanya & James** Twyman; Friend of St. Mark **Linda Weir**; **Christen** and infant **Alexander**. Paula Zabela's brother-in-law Len Brosky and cousin Frank McIntyre, who has esophageal cancer. Rose Zabela's father **Ed Dumm**. **Syd**.

Deliver them from sickness and grievous pains. Raise them up that they may sing to Thee and praise Thee without ceasing, through the prayers of the Theotokos and all your Saints!

ST. MARK BUDGET MEETING A budget meeting is called for Saturday, September 22nd at 6:30 PM in the parish library. All departments and/or groups requesting monies from the 2017 budget should submit a request to the Treasurer, Matthew Nimmer (manimmer@yahoo.com), by Wednesday, September 19th at noon. All parish members are welcome to attend the budget meeting.

BIBLE STUDY King Solomon was the wisest man ever. But, what's missing from his Book Of Proverbs? And what does that tell us about what is really important? Find out at the 9/22 Vespers Bible Study.

THANK YOU! to the following parishioners for helping at the Friday and/or Saturday pirog workshop: Kathy Petro, Pat Ihnat, John Ihnat, Paulina Masick, Gemma Phelps, Nancy Stanton, Ginny Albert, Matushka Sasha, Daniella Mihailov, Rachel LeFors, and Tina Burpee. Twenty cabbage pirog are now in the freezer! Also a thank you to Mark Phinney who straightened up the large storage room and other areas.

THANK YOU! Thank you to Ginny Albert, Matushka Sasha, Paulina Masick, Paula Zabela, Barbara Freimann and Tina Burpee for attending the Russian Torte workshop. Twenty tortes are now in the freezer.

IT'S PIROSHKI WEDNESDAY! This Wednesday, September 19th, we will be having a workshop to make meat piroshki. Please join us. Lunch will be provided. No experience necessary. Pinching piroshki can be taught. We start about 9:00 AM, but come when you can. We will be pinching for a few hours.

BAZAAR SIGN-UP: You will find the sign-up sheets to work at our food festival and bazaar in November on the bulletin board next to the kitchen door. Each slot needs to be filled in for the bazaar to run smoothly. Please sign up for a slot each day if you are able.

BAZAAR SPONSORSHIP: I am stunned at how much our ingredient costs have increased over last year. Please prayerfully consider contributing to the cost of the ingredients. There are sheets on the bulletin board next to the kitchen to give you an idea of what each item costs, but any amount would be greatly appreciated. You can give your donation to Tina Burpee or Gene Jacobsen. Thank you, Tina Burpee

Happy Birthday To You! May God Grant You Many Years!

16 Adina Carstea
Bryce Pierce
19 Barbara Freimann
20 Christina Kalavritinos
Clint Purdue

BAPTISM of Elena Papi will take place on September 22nd at 11:00 am. We hope a few choir members will come to sing! Thank you!

MEN'S BREAKFAST will take place at 8:00 AM starting September 22nd. September 22nd is the 4th Saturday in September and we will meet at the Olney IHOP. On the 2nd Saturday of the month we will meet at the Fairfax IHOP 9490 Blake Ln, Fairfax, VA 22031. On the 4th Saturday, we will meet at the Olney IHOP - 18147 Village Center Dr, Olney, MD 20832 See you on the 22nd!

BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE Please see the following topics scheduled for the next few Bible Study meetings:

9/22, Proverbs, A Preparation For The Gospel
9/29, Questions Asked Of Jesus
10/6, Questions Jesus Asks
10/13, No Bible Study – Wedding Anniversary
10/20, The Story Of Jeremiah

CHILDREN'S BOOKS Two baskets of children's books are now located in the vestibule, behind where the greeters stand and next to the stairway to the choir loft. Children should feel free to borrow the books and can return them to the baskets.

NEW BABY! Congratulations to Christine and Ray Bryan who were blessed with the birth of their son Aden Robert Bryan on the morning of Thursday, September 9th. All are doing well, please keep them in your prayers! Glory to God!

EVANGLIZER SUBMISSION DEADLINE for the October-November-December issue of our newsletter will be Thursday, September 20th. Please prepare your articles, announcements, photos, and interesting tid-bits and send them to Sharon Sielinski. Thank you!

THE CENTER FOR BYZANTINE MATERIAL ARTS

Icon Drawing Courses and Other Activities

See website to sign up and for more details

Class 2. Hair of the Saints Drawing Course: Sept 1st, Saturday 11-2:30pm



This study focuses on the different structures and formula of the hair types of the Byzantine Icon. Special attention will be given to angels, Christ, Patriarchs and more. This is to train the student how to understand and eventually apply paint to the icon. We will transfer our main sketch onto beautiful colored paper putting in highs and lows with colored chalks and charcoal for a frameable image. Students can work on the project at own pace once lesson is complete. Cost: \$125.00. All supplies included except sketchbook. Taught by Colette Kalvesmaki.



-Beginning Painting/Writing Course: Face of an Angel: Oct 26/27- Friday and Saturday, 10-4pm each day.

This course is for beginners with little painting experience. We will work from a drawing and trace it onto a Masonite board provided. Students will be shown how to mix the egg tempera emulsion and how to make paint. The whole class will work at the same pace with instructors help. Ages: Teens up. This is Friday and Saturday 10-4pm. Taught by Colette Kalvesmaki. Some supplies needed. Price \$250.00



Lecture Series starting Saturday, October 6th at 3pm.

Join us for insightful lectures from scholars, archaeologist, priests and iconographers to explore and better understand the Holy Icon. The first lecture of our series will be from James Magruder, Ph D. speaking on "Byzantine Icons and the Aesthetics of Heaven". Donation.

-Student Icon Exhibit-Oct-Dec 2018. Inquire for more information.

Yearly Icon Raffle --Oct thru Dec Inquire for more information



Class 3. Hands and Feet Drawing Course: Nov 3, Saturday 10-1pm

This study focuses on the structure and formulas of the hands and feet of the Byzantine Icon. Special attention is given to the interior Light and various positions. We also work with placement of shadow and how this works to emphasis the Light. This is done using colored chalks and colored paper. Cost: \$125.00 Supplies provided.

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Tuesday

9:30-2

Trinity House Café
101 E Market St, Leesburg, VA 20176
(703) 737-3721



OPA! OCTOBER! October 6th is Greek Night at St. Mark. Get your tickets early for this family event. Enjoy Greek food, drink and special Greek Dancing entertainment! Fabulous door prizes, too. Adults - \$15, Child - \$10, Kids 5 and under FREE. \$20 at the door. Proceeds applied to St. Mark FOCA charities and scholarships.

ST. MARY MEDITERRANEAN FOOD FESTIVAL St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church in Hunt Valley, MD, will hold their Mediterranean Food Festival September 14th, 4pm - 10pm, September 15th, 11am - Midnight, September 16th, 11am - 6pm. Delicious food, baked goods, live DJ, yard sale, traditional cultural dancing. 909 Shawan Rd, Cockeysville, MD 21030

IOCC RACE TO RESPOND Baltimore Running Festival 2018 Do you want to make a difference in the lives of vulnerable families around the world? Join our IOCC team at the Baltimore Running Festival on October 20, 2018, and help raise money for those in need in places like Syria, Greece, Ethiopia, and around the world. For the past five years at the Baltimore Running Festival, IOCC's team has included a wide range of participants, from kindergarteners to an Orthodox priest and retired grandmothers! All abilities of walkers and runners are welcome, as there is a range of participation options: a 5K, Team Relay, Half Marathon, and Full Marathon. Signing up is easy at www.iocc.org/baltimore.

ST. MARK WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP: If you enjoy a good read followed by a worthy discussion, please consider attending the St. Mark Women's Book Group. We choose books well in advance and then meet in the library on the last Sunday of every month to discuss the merits of our choices. On September 30th: *The Secret, Book & Scone Society* by Ellery Adams; October 28th: *A Long Way Home* by Saroo Brierley; November 25th: *For One More Day* by Mitch Albom; and December 30th: Choose a story from *Chicken Soup for the Soul* and share with Christmas cookies. Copies of a few of these books are available from Joan Mitchum. Book suggestions are always welcome. See Mka. Sasha or any participant for more details.

THE SHADY GROVE PREGNANCY CENTER 35th ANNIVERSARY BENEFIT LUNCHEON, will be held on Sunday October 28th. at 1:00 PM at the Rockville Hilton Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD. The speaker is EWTN radio host, Gloria Purvis. The goal this year is to raise \$90,000 to continue and further the good work of this local Pro Life crisis pregnancy center. We have been long time supporters of this event and traditionally fill a table of ten from St. Mark. Please consider joining me for this inspiring event! - Fr. Gregory

30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: St. Mary Orthodox Church in Falls Church, VA will host a live and silent auction with dinner and dancing on Saturday, September 29th, 2018 from 6pm – 11pm. Tickets are \$55 per person. The celebration will take place at St. Luke Banquet Hall, 6801 Georgetown Pike McLean, VA. For more information visit: <https://st-mary2018auctionandevents.com/>. To register or purchase tickets please email: caraveli.anna3@gmail.com

MEDITERRANEAN FOOD FESTIVAL AND BAZAAR St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church in Washington, DC, will hold their 46th annual festival. September 15th, 12pm - 11pm and September 16th, 12pm - 3pm. Food and Fun for the Whole Family! COME EXPERIENCE OUR CULTURE! Middle Eastern Cuisine; Delicious Pastries; Live Music & Dancing; Carry-Out "Souk"; Books and Religious Articles; Children's Activities; Community Vendors ~ Church Tour. For more information visit: <https://www.facebook.com/stgeorge-mediterraneanfestivaldc>

Ss. PETER AND PAUL MEDITERRANEAN FESTIVAL will take place on Friday, September 21st, 4pm - 9pm; Saturday, September 22nd, 11am - 10:30pm; and Sunday, September 23rd, Noon - 4:00pm. Featuring authentic middle eastern food, vendors booth, fun for kids, live arabic music and entertainment, raffle prizes! Free parking! Free Admission! For more information contact Jerry Audi (703) 599-2317. Ss. Peter and Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church is located at 10620 River Road Potomac, MD 20854.

BULL AND OYSTER ROAST: St. Andrew Orthodox Church will host a Bull and Oyster Roast on Sunday, October 14th, from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Tickets are \$45/person and all proceeds will benefit St. Andrew Orthodox Church. For more information email: standrew-bullroast@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE! Holy Apostles Orthodox Church in Mechanicsburg, PA will have their 13th Annual Dinner Dance & Silent Auction Sunday, October 14th. Doors open at 1:30 pm. Meal served at 2:00 pm. The event will take place at the Radisson Harrisburg Hotel, Camp Hill, PA. Stay tuned for registration details!